



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

IMPACT OF THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

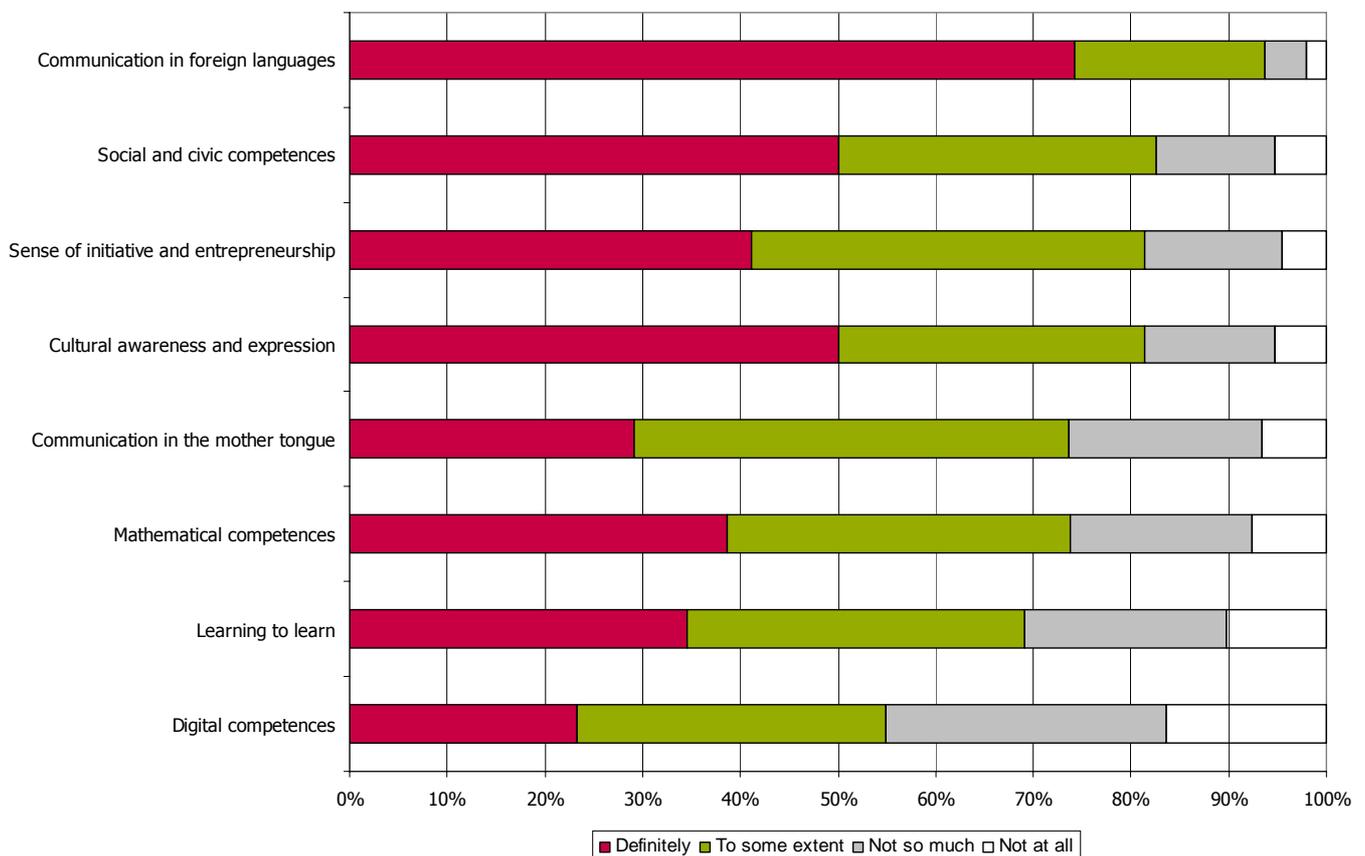


The Youth in Action Programme is the EU Programme for all young people; it aims to inspire a sense of active citizenship and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future by boosting their participation in democratic life. The Programme promotes mobility, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue among European youth, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities, by supporting a large variety of activities, including youth exchanges, transnational voluntary service as well as training and networking for youth workers.

This leaflet illustrates the main results of a survey launched by the European Commission among participants of projects supported by the Youth in Action Programme. The outcomes of this survey show a strong impact of the Programme on young participants, on social animators dealing with young people (youth workers) and on youth organisations. This impact relates not only to skills and competences acquired by participants, but also to their being active citizens.

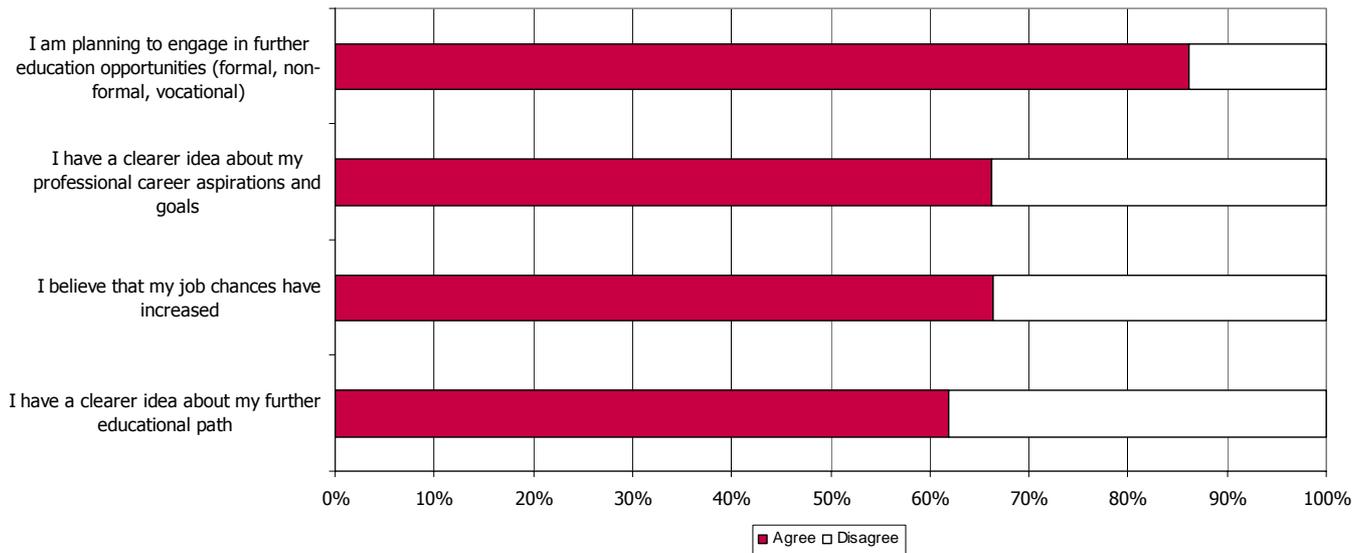
IMPACT ON YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

Average appreciation by young participants, for each of the Key competences¹, of the extent to which they have increased their competences



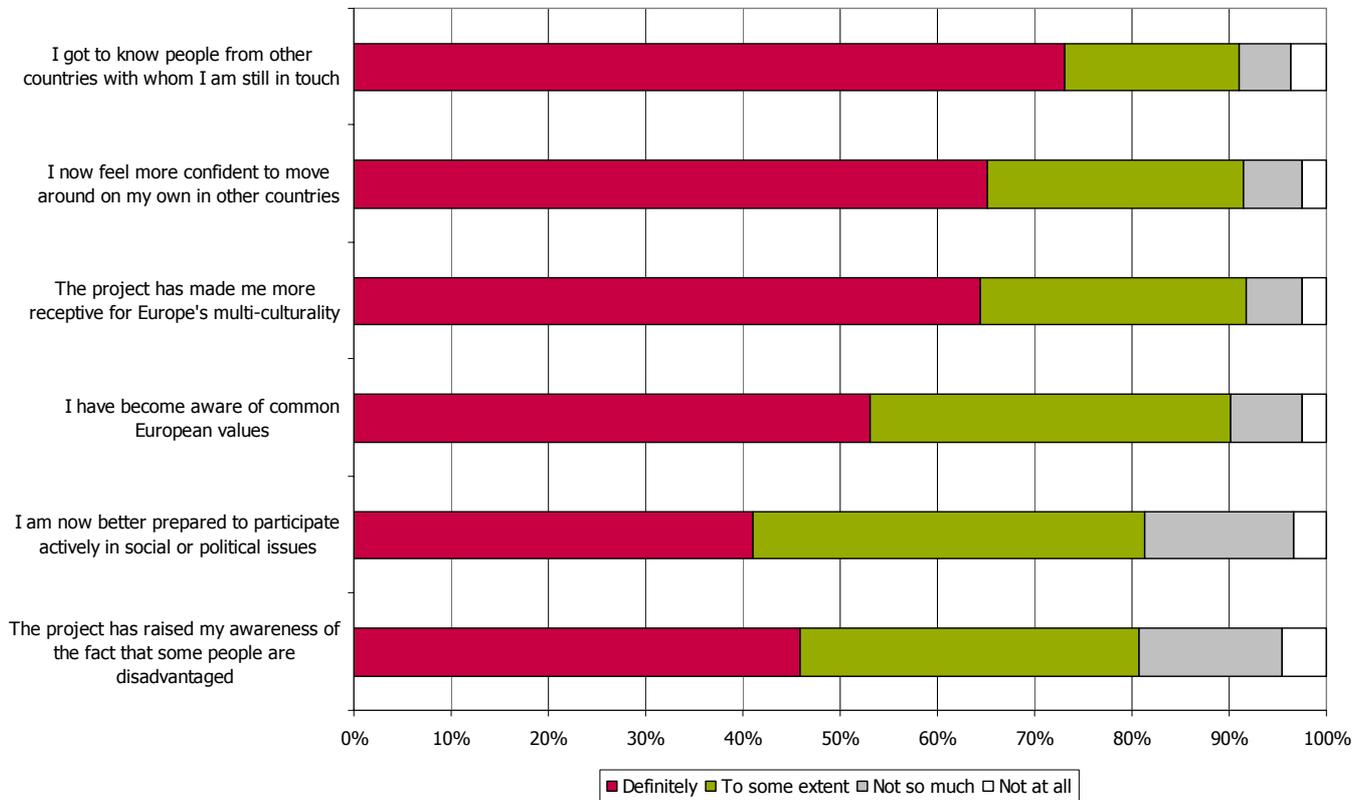
¹ Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 on key competences for lifelong learning

Impact on future educational and professional perspectives



"I would recommend participation in a similar project to other young people"
 . definitely: 88%
 . to some extent: 7%

Impact on attitudes

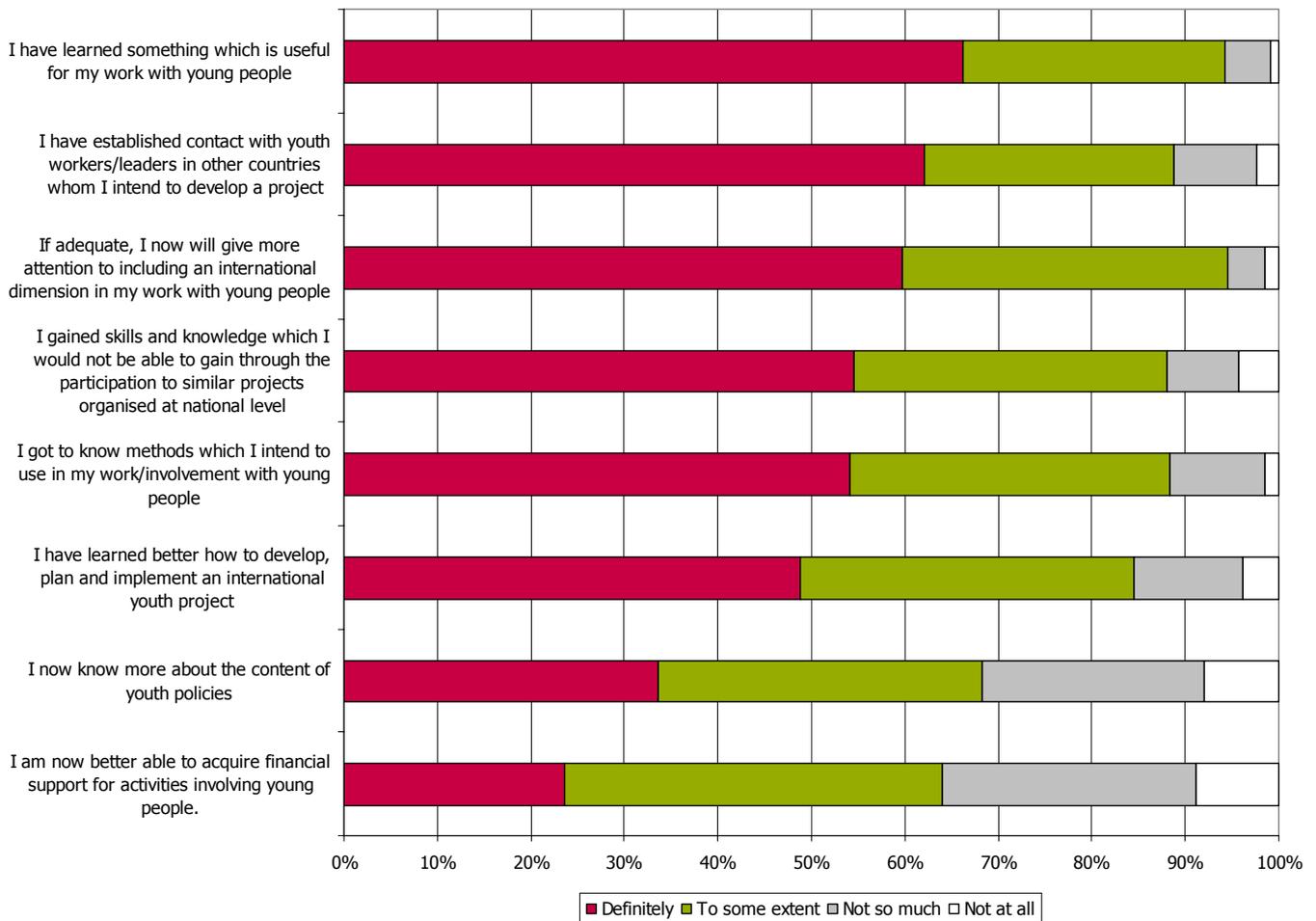


Participation in the 2009 elections for the European Parliament

Among the young people having participated in a Youth in Action project (source: Youth in Action survey)	60%
Among the global EU population (source: European Parliament)	43%
Among the EU population aged 18-24 (source: European Parliament)	29%

IMPACT ON YOUTH WORKERS

Impact on work/involvement in the youth field



"As an individual, I have become more aware of how important foreign language skills are for my personal and professional development"

. definitely: 70%
. to some extent: 17%

"As an individual, I have become more aware of common European values (e.g. human rights, democracy, peace, tolerance, gender equality etc.)"

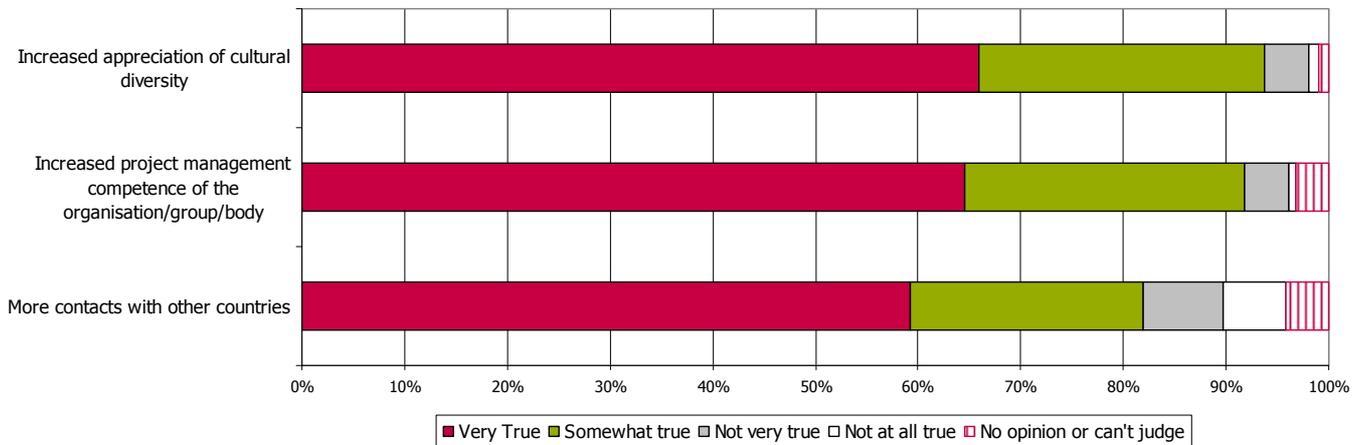
. definitely: 55%
. to some extent: 30%

"I would recommend participation in a similar project to other youth workers"

. definitely: 91%
. to some extent: 6%

IMPACT ON YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Impact on the work



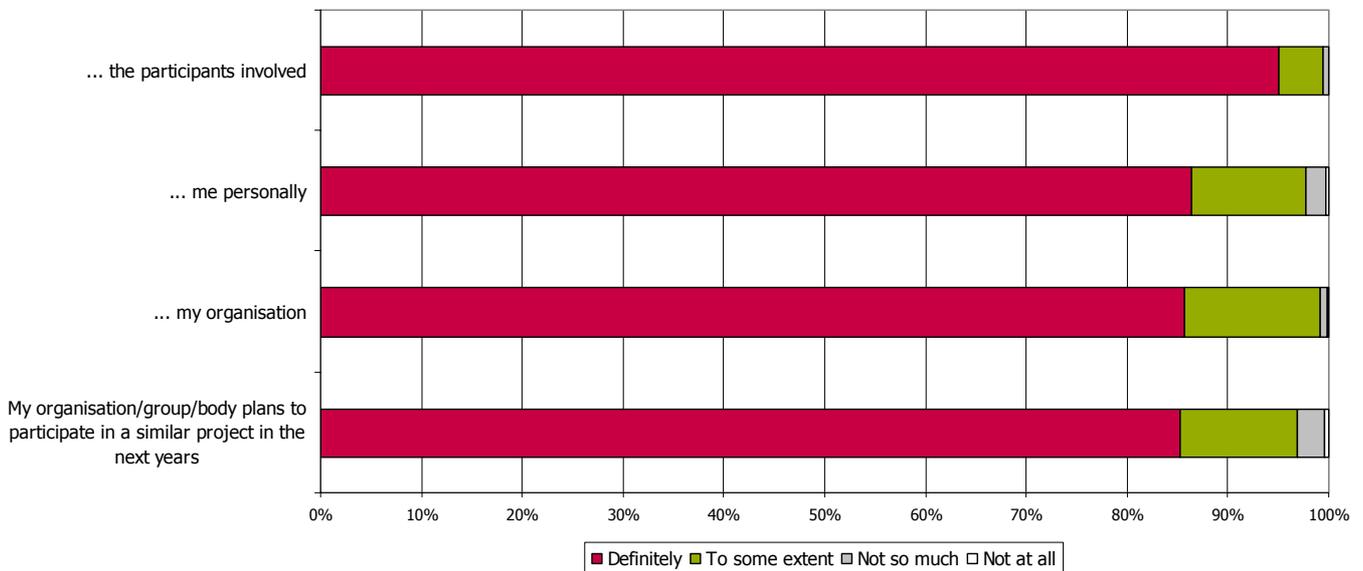
"The project was perceived as enrichment by the local environment/community"

- . very true: 58%
- . somewhat true: 30%

"My organisation/group/body plans to participate in a similar project in the next years"

- . definitely: 85%
- . to some extent: 11%

Participation was an enriching experience for...



More information of the outputs of the Programme is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/glance/doc/youth_in_action_figures/eac_statistics_via_2008.pdf

More information on the Youth in Action Programme is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

